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1. Runway

- a. During the recent heavy frosts, several cracks have appeared in the main runway. Work has been undertaken to remove the damaged concrete and at three points on the runway, a section 7.4 m in width and approximately 2 m long, has been cut out of the concrete to a depth of the entire thickness of 40 cm.
- b. i) Adjoining the entire length of each side of the main runway, there is an underground water-pipe line situated approximately 1 m from the edge of the concrete and buried 1 m beneath the surface. Above each of these pipe-lines are a series of surface hydrants spaced approximately 50 m apart. During the winter months, these hydrants have been protected from the frost by a wooden box, about 1 m square, packed tightly with straw.
- ii) These underground water pipe-lines are connected to a 22 m deep well, which is situated together with a small pump house south of the runway adjoining the former Gross Dolln Vietmannsdorf road.
- iii) There is no connection between the underground water pipe-lines, which have been permanently embedded in the ground, and the series of temporary surface pipe-lines which have been utilized in mixing the concrete during the recent constructions. Water for this was drawn by means of another temporary pipe-line run from the nearby Gross Gollinsee, and work is now in progress on the clearance and removal of the temporary water system concentrated along the runway and associated taxi-tracks.

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2. Security

- a. There appears to have been a distinct tightening up of security arrangements on this project, Russian patrols being obviously more vigilant and the checking of workers' special passes taking place more frequently than in the past.
- b. The Russian detachment of about 100 EM, all wearing black/red shoulder-boards without insignia, has remained unchanged during the period. These troops undertake all guard duties on the airfield.

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